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Players 'crap' for a cause

Gambling raised about \$700 for the University Friday at Reno Night, as people tried their skill at casino games at the Thunder Bird Motel.

But no one really lost — the bucks used to buy funny money will be donated to the President's Scholarship fund, to be used to award merit scholarships to University students.

Chancellor outlines standards

By David Steinmetz
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A slow deterioration of educational requirements has brought Oregon to a "critical juncture" with regard to educational standards, according to Chancellor Bud Davis.

At a meeting Friday with the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators, Davis discussed a proposal to raise requirements for admission to state system colleges and universities. The proposal requires four years of English, three years of math, two years of science, three years of social science and two years of other college prep courses.

Davis said the requirements are similar to those established at the University of New Mexico while he was president there, and they resulted in enrollment increases, improved test scores and a higher percentage of minority enrollment.

Davis pointed out that until about 20 years ago, there were tougher standards for admission to most colleges and universities. But in the 1960s electives became increasingly common in high schools, and higher education in-

stitutions began to "back off" from strict admissions requirements. Public universities and colleges began looking mainly at grade point averages and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, he said.

The United States is now far behind nations like the Soviet Union and Japan in educational requirements, with only half of U.S. high school students taking any math beyond the 10th grade, and only 16 percent taking any chemistry, Davis said.

Two years of a foreign language will probably not be required for entrance to state schools, because of the difficulty small high schools would have finding the resources to teach them. The proposal "highly recommends" them and the University Assembly has considered instituting a foreign language requirement for admission.

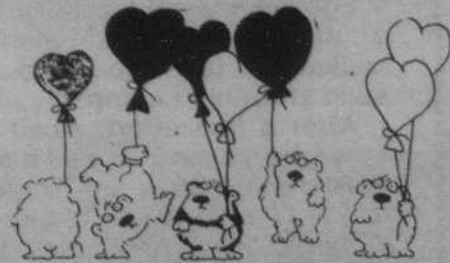
Davis also points to the shortage of math and science teachers, with only 10,000 physics teachers for 16,000 high schools nationally.

Much of the shortage is due to the loss of qualified math and science teachers to industry, since salaries average only \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year for high schools teachers.



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